

**ASQUITH CABINET
LIKELY TO FALL;
SEELY MUST GO**

Crisis Follows Disagreement with Policy Toward Army Officers.

**EARLY DISSOLUTION
SEEMS UNAVOIDABLE**

New Ministry, Headed by David Lloyd George, Thought Not Unlikely.

KING'S NAME IN AFFAIR

Laborites Believe Royal Influence Was Unduly Used with Officers Having Irish Commands.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, March 25.—The Asquith Cabinet has been placed in a position of extreme peril as a result of its fatal blunder with regard to the army and navy, and an early dissolution is now looked upon as almost certain. The publication of the papers relating to the case of the resigned and reinstated officers has been prompted by the Prime Minister for to-day, and it is already anticipated that the tenor of the assurances given to General Hubert Gough may be such as to involve the resignation of Colonel Seely, Secretary of State for War. David Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, it is reported, are angry at Premier Asquith and the moderate for yielding to the officers, and Colonel Seely's resignation is not sufficient the outcome is not unlikely to be a new Radical government headed by Mr. Lloyd George.

One report has it that Colonel Seely has resigned, but that his resignation has not yet been accepted, and that the Cabinet is likely to consider the question to-day.

Advanced Radical Revolt.

There is a strong and growing revolt against the government by the advanced sections of the Radicals, who are disgusted with what they call the unpardonable weakness of the government. The Labor and Socialist members are also engineering a rapid attack on the King for his action with regard to the army officers.

Daring references to the position of the throne in the present controversy were made in the House of Commons yesterday, and were greeted with loud cheers from the Labor benches. The words "Buckingham Palace" Buckingham Palace" were flung angrily and unthinkingly across an excited chamber. A herculean Laborite from Stoke-on-Trent, John Ward, shouted at the Tories: "You have raised the question as to whether the people are to make the laws of the country absolutely, without any interference from the King or the army."

When the speaker uttered the words "without interference from the King or the army," giving a calculated and dramatic pause after the word "King," half the House was on its feet cheering. All the Labor members and all the Home Rule Irishmen—and not only they, but very many of the Liberal members—stood and shouted for a considerable space of time.

Parliament had not witnessed such an obviously hostile criticism of the throne in the memory of the oldest member, nor even in the last eighty years. The significance of the demonstration was emphasized when the cries of "Buckingham Palace" arose during the speech started by A. C. T. Beck, a back bench Radical. The temper of the House was such as has rarely been seen before the King interferred, and last night the House of Commons broke the silence with which it has been the custom to surround courts and kings. There was meaning deep and wide in the cheer and in the shouts.

Colonel Seely Grilled.

Before the exciting interlude were some quieter but equally significant

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ELEANOR WILSON HERE

Come to Buy Trousseau and Keeps Stopping Place Secret.

Miss Eleanor Wilson came to New York yesterday to buy her trousseau following the example of her sister, Jessie, on a similar occasion, she kept secluded. She did not go to the Waldorf-Astoria, where she stayed on previous visits, nor did she go to the home of Miss Marjorie Brown, who was one of her sister's bridesmaids and an intimate friend of all the Wilson girls.

Mrs. Brown said last night that she had been expecting Miss Eleanor Wilson to spend several days in New York, but she was sorry to say the prospective White House bride would not visit her daughter.

Mrs. George Howe, the President's niece, said she had not been informed of her cousin's address.

ROOSEVELT PARTY SAFE

Message of Assurance Received from Consul in Para.

The Museum of Natural History received a cable dispatch yesterday from George H. Pickrell, United States Consul at Para, Brazil, saying all members of the Roosevelt party were safe. Dr. Frank M. Chapman, head of the department of ornithology, thought the message referred to the Fiala party. The message said:

"Roosevelt all right. Arriving Manaus via Papagayo River."

Specimens collected by the expedition, including 1,000 birds and 250 mammals, are expected to arrive here soon.

NO TOWN FOR A POLICEMAN

Hollister, Mo., Thinks Chief Quit Because It Is Peaceful.

Hollister, Mo., March 24.—A. R. Mitchell, chief of police of this city, mysteriously disappeared on Friday night, and has not been seen or heard of since. He made his rounds as usual the night of his disappearance, but did not show up in the morning.

The general opinion is that he became disgusted with his job on account of the peacefulness of the town. He has made only one arrest since he took office last summer, and the man he took in charge was discharged by the local justice.

**WILSON CANDIDATE
BEATEN IN JERSEY**

J. J. O'Byrne Wins in Congress Primary Over Carrington Cabell.

Paterson, N. J., March 24.—W. Carrington Cabell, the Wilson candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress to succeed Robert G. Brenner, was defeated by 1,000 votes at today's primaries by James J. O'Byrne, who had been put into the contest by United States Senator William Hughes, whose reception at the White House has not been very enthusiastic of late.

Mr. Cabell is now judge of the Passaic District Court, having been appointed by Mr. Wilson when he was Governor of New Jersey.

Mr. Cabell had the backing of all of President Wilson's friends in the 7th District and the entry of Mr. O'Byrne into the contest was considered an affront to the wishes of the President, although Mr. Wilson maintained that he was taking no part in the contest.

The contest on the Republican side was close, Dow H. Drucker winning from the other ten candidates by 1,700 votes. John M. Ward was second.

The vote was light, about one-half of the normal number of voters going to the polls. The Socialists hail this as a good sign, and assert that it points to the election of Gordon Demarest, their candidate, who was unopposed for the nomination. The election will be held on April 7.

**GIRL CLINGS TO
THIEF IN FLIGHT**

Finds Two Men at Her Door—She Grabs One and the Other Escapes.

When she found two men trying, as she believed, to force open the door of her home, at No. 7 St. Mark's Place, yesterday afternoon, Miss Rosa Waldman, instead of being scared, jumped at the bigger of the intruders and clung to him through a struggle that lasted beyond the front door.

In the street the man managed to break loose from the girl, but she pursued him until he ran into the arms of Detective Lowenstein, at First avenue. The other man got away over the roof.

At the 5th street station the prisoner said he was Henry Weiss, forty-one years old, of No. 312 East 13th street. Lieutenant John Hennessy thought he had seen him in the "line-up" at Headquarters.

"Yes, but it's eleven years ago to-morrow," replied Weiss. "What made you go off again?" inquired Hennessy. Weiss hung his head and asked to be put in a cell.

BURKE NAMED FOR SENATE

Returns Indicate South Dakota Congressman's Nomination.

Pierre, S. D., March 24.—Congressman Charles H. Burke, candidate of the minority Republican faction, was nominated for United States Senator over Senator C. I. Crawford, the majority faction candidate, according to incomplete returns from today's state-wide primary election.

STREET IN THE HEART OF TORREON.

Where Villa's Rebels and Huerta's Federals are fighting the fiercest battle of the revolution.

**MAYOR'S POLICE BILL
KILLED BY ASSEMBLY**

Vote of 94 to 49 Follows Debate Marked by Bitter Feeling.

**WIGWAM JOY OVER
DEFEAT UNBOUNDED**

Will Never Be Reported Out of Senate Cities Committee, Says Chairman.

Albany, March 24.—Despite an able fight on the part of Assemblyman Hoff, Republican, of Brooklyn, and the Manhattan Republicans, Stoddard, Nelson and Crane, the Assembly today defeated Mayor Mitchell's police bill by a vote of 94 to 49. The Tammany men to a man voted against the bill, by which the Mayor hoped to get Colonel Goethals as Police Commissioner, and their jubilation over its defeat was unrestrained.

Senator Cullen, Democrat, chairman of the Senate Cities Committee, when he heard the result, said:

"That's fine. The bill is now as dead as a mackerel. It will never be reported out of my committee."

The debate in the Assembly was marked by the bitterest feeling. Stoddard declared that if the bill was not passed it meant a continuance of the "System" which created Becker and which showed itself in all its viciousness in the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Majority Leader Harold J. Hinman, Mr. Barnes's representative in the Assembly, joined hands with "Al" Smith, the Tammany leader of the House, in the attack on the bill.

Schaap Stood By Bill.

Mayor Mitchell, who relied upon the Progressives to stand solidly for the bill, was deserted by six of them, although their leader, Michael Schaap, made a strong plea for the passage of the bill.

Burlingame, of Kings, who was the bitterest opponent of the bill from New York City, managed to hold seven other Republicans of the dozen from Kings with him. Assemblyman Brennan, one of the Burlingame contingent, introduced an amendment to the bill, and when an upstate man asked to introduce another amendment Assemblyman Hoff protested, saying:

"If you want to kill this bill, do it in the open, but not by offering amendments to it."

A vote was taken on the Brennan amendment, and it was defeated, receiving only eighteen votes.

Burlingame, in answer to a question by Hoff, replied he believed the police had an inherent right in their jobs. This was also the argument of "Al" Smith, who amazed even his friends by insisting that the talk of a "System" in the Police Department was tommyrot.

"There is no more a 'System' in the Police Department," he said, "than there is in any other department."

Harped on Court Review.

All the opponents of the bill defended their position by arguing that the police were entitled to the right of court review. Hinman, in his attack on the bill, said:

"If I introduced a similar bill, taking away the right of court review from the police of Albany, what a howl would go up through the state that Burke was trying to get control of the city of Albany!"

Assemblyman Hoff, in his final plea for the passage of the bill, said:

"The bill is introduced because Mayor Mitchell is confronted with a situation that has destroyed many administrations—the 'System'—and we saw its hand in full control at the time of the Rosenthal murder."

He said the board of review as proposed in the bill would give a patrolman a right of appeal.

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**MUTE MURDER DEFENDANT
Fingers Fly When Speechless
Tell of Alleged Crime.**

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Asheville, N. C., March 24.—John A. Ottinger, a deaf mute, charged with the murder of his wife, also a deaf mute, on Christmas night, and about a dozen deaf mute witnesses, to-day told on their hands in court their versions of the killing.

Ottinger's attorney brought a new element into the case by pleading not guilty and basing the defence on insanity. Several experts declared that Ottinger is not capable of even understanding the charge against him.

The jury decided that Ottinger was not able to plead to the indictment, raising a new point of law in North Carolina. Judge Parding reserved decision.

**BE A SPINSTER AND
LIVE LONG, HE SAYS**

Longevity Also Assured by Taking Endowment Policy, Actuary Asserts.

The spinster lives longer than the married woman.

The business woman lives longer than the business man.

The woman who takes out an endowment policy lives longer than the woman who takes out a straight life policy.

These facts—and Arthur Hunter, actuary of the New York Life Insurance Company, said they were facts last night at the monthly meeting of the Life Underwriters' Association of New York in the Hotel Astor—were gathered last year by experts in the employ of the forty-three leading companies in this country.

Mr. Hunter didn't explain why the unmarried woman survives the married woman, nor why the business woman outlives the business man, but he revealed why the woman who takes out herself an endowment policy lasts longer than the woman who has to die to win.

"The endowment woman just gets up her spirit and determines to live until the polly woggles," he said. The other woman sighs, "Oh, what's the use," and shuffles off."

Mr. Hunter said there were more fatal accidents in this country than elsewhere because of the American "I'll take a chance" spirit. The American, he said, takes all sorts of risks to save time and inconvenience. The foreigner doesn't do that at home, but when he comes here he becomes infected.

"The mortality rate among engineers and firemen is eight times that of men in other callings," he said, "and among policemen about 40 per cent higher. With policemen it is on the increase."

Mr. Hunter said that the business woman kept herself going by a determination to fight it out. She had something tangible; something to live for, whereas the business man takes his work as a matter of course and is apathetic.

Among saloonkeepers who do not tend bar the mortality rate is 30 per cent above normal; among saloonkeepers who do it is 80 per cent higher. The mortality rate among women is 11 per cent lower than among men.

In the quest for information about tobacco effects the statisticians were unable to find that, except in instances of men subject to apoplexy, tobacco shortened the lives of users.

Workers in breweries do not live as long as distillery employees.

Baby's Photo May Identify Her.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 24.—A photograph of a baby found to-day on a woman killed last night at the Pennsylvania railroad station may lead to her identity. The photograph was made by the International Art Studio, No. 145 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn. The woman was killed by the Western express, but the police have been unable to find any one who witnessed the accident.

Ferryboat Sinks: 15 Drowned.

Koenigsberg, March 24.—Fifteen people were drowned to-day when a tug ran into and sank a small ferryboat crowded with workmen and their wives.

**GIRL, AS BURGLAR,
FLEES, THEN FIGHTS**

Apartment Door Is Forced and Housewife Felled by Intruder.

**FISTS AND HATPIN
USED ON PURSUERS**

Hobble Skirt Aids Sleuths, Who Nab Prisoner by Ruse in Brooklyn Street.

A comely looking girl of nineteen, a burglar, the police call her, was arrested yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock after, it is alleged, she had "jimmied" her way into a Williamsburg home, stolen several articles, knocked down the housewife who detected her, engaged in a hand-to-hand fight with a crowd that pursued her a block, and finally tried to whip two detectives with a hatpin.

And she would have made her escape but for her hobble skirt, the detectives admit.

The girl, looked in a cell in the Herbert street station, is silent about herself. She declined to give any information except that she was Charlotte Paine and lived at No. 338 Ten Eyck street. This is a tenement house, and a canvass of it proved that the address was fictitious.

It was shortly after 5 o'clock that Mrs. Annie Berger, of No. 80 Debevoise street, went into her husband's butcher shop in front of the rooms where she lives with her husband and daughter. She was busy with customers, but looked up in time to see a woman leave her sitting room carrying her daughter Sarah's fur coat and other wearing apparel.

Mrs. Berger screamed, rushed out and grappled with the intruder, who threw the coat and clothing into an airway, knocked Mrs. Berger down and fled to the street.

The girl gathered up her hobble skirt and ran with a crowd in pursuit. Mrs. Berger remained behind long enough to discover that her door had been skillfully "jimmied" and the rooms ransacked. She then joined in the chase, which had ended at Morrell street, where the girl stopped and gave battle.

She was beating her pursuers, when Detectives Ferris and Flascetti, of the Stagg street station, ran up.

The girl then grabbed her hatpin and charged the detectives. They sidestepped and executed two flank movements. In a second they had her arms pinned to her sides.

When the excitement had subsided a gold watch and chain, identified by Mrs. Berger as her daughter's property was found on the sidewalk. The "jimmy" had disappeared.

The theory was advanced by the detectives that the girl has been robbing Williamsburg homes by applying for employment at likely looking places. Where she found the housewife absent from home a burglary followed, the police say.

The girl will be arraigned in the Manhattan avenue court to-day. Meanwhile her finger prints and measurements will be taken and the records searched to learn her identity. She was well dressed and seemed indifferent concerning her arrest.

DAKOTA CITY SELLS GROG

Municipal Ownership of Saloon Proves Profitable, Too.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Sisseton, S. D., March 24.—Over \$10,000 profit in one year from the local saloon, which is owned by the municipality, is the report of the citizens' committee in charge of the grog shop. Sisseton was dry for two years. Then the citizens voted it wet, and the city decided to hold the one license to be issued. A manager was hired and the saloon opened.

The earnings will be divided between the municipality and a special road fund.

**VILLA FORCES WAY
INTO TORREON CITY**

Captures Gomez Palacio After All-Night Battle and Pursues Fleeing Federals Into Heart of Stronghold.

FIGHTING HAND TO HAND IN STREETS

Rebel Leader Orders Halt in Assault to Give His Soldiers a Greatly Needed Rest, and Will Resume the Attack This Morning.

Having driven the Federals out of Gomez Palacio, one of the most important suburbs of Torreon, at daybreak yesterday, after an all-night battle, General Villa began without a moment's delay his attack on the city proper.

The Federals, under General Velasco, contested every foot of the way as they retreated, and at the Nazas River they held the rebels in check for a time.

After the hardest kind of fighting the rebels forced their way over the river, and, aided by simultaneous attacks by the other rebel leaders on the east, south and west of the city, finally reached the streets of Huerta's stronghold.

Official dispatches from General Villa to rebel headquarters in Juarez last night said that the rebel army, after its all-day battle for possession of Torreon, ceased firing at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, after having taken every point of vantage in the outskirts of Torreon.

Because of the exhausted condition of his men, General Villa ordered that the battle cease when it became evident that Torreon proper could not be taken without a renewal of the desperate assaults which had marked the day's fighting.

Villa telegraphed that at daylight this morning he would renew the attack upon Torreon, and would give his men a night's rest, which they greatly needed.

Federal cannon were throwing shells into the rebel ranks late last night. Rebel troops had pushed into the outlying portions of Torreon and hundreds of them were resting practically in the city in trenches from which they had driven the Federals in the afternoon.

**VILLA'S ARMY FIGHTING IN
STREETS OF TORREON CITY**

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 24.—Fighting is in progress in the streets of Torreon, and the Federals are being driven from one position to another as the rebels of General Villa are rushed into the city. Practically, Torreon has been captured by Pancho Villa.

General E. A. Benavides, with the Zaragoza Brigade, succeeded in capturing an important Federal position in the eastern outskirts of Torreon late to-day, and, pressing his advantage, sent a detachment under Colonel Trevino into the city.

The Federals fell back rapidly, abandoning two quarters, in which they had made headquarters, and taking position behind adobe buildings.

In a short time other rebels succeeded in forcing their way into the city proper, and desperate fighting was soon in progress at short range, the opposing forces sometimes engaging in hand-to-hand struggles.

General Villa, who has been on the firing line all day, gave orders to-night to take breakfast in Torreon to-morrow. He has not stopped to rest since daylight this morning, when, following the capture of Gomez Palacio, he ordered a general assault on Torreon.

At noon, while eating a sandwich and directing his men at the same time, General Villa dictated a dispatch to the rebel headquarters at Juarez, ordering all available uniforms there to be sent immediately to Gomez Palacio. He said he wished to reunite his men as soon as they were in possession of Torreon.

Benavides First in Torreon.

To General Benavides Villa gave the honor of making the first assault on the Federal position in Torreon, and it was the men of the Zaragoza Brigade, Villa's favorite command, who first forced their way into the city and drove the Federals from their positions in the trenches.

Villa has learned that many of the Federals have been dying from a strange disease, which takes them off quickly. There are many dead Federals in the streets in the outskirts of the city and in the trenches, indicating that the Federal losses have been very heavy. During the day the Federals were able to remove most of their wounded to temporary hospitals, but they did not take time to carry off the dead.

To make the general attack on Torreon Villa summoned every available man for the assault. He had captured Gomez Palacio at daybreak, after an all night battle in the streets of the suburban town. The Federals retreated into Torreon, burning the wooden bridges connecting with Gomez Palacio and thus delaying the rebel pursuit.

The Gomez Palacio battle was desperate and more sanguinary than the Torreon battle in its first stages. It was not until late in the afternoon that the fighting for possession of Torreon proper was brought to a close range, and then it became a fight to a finish.

The work of carrying rebel wounded into the hospitals established in Gomez Palacio has kept a large force busy all day. Hundreds have been wounded and other hundreds killed, but there has been no attempt to determine the exact figures.

Villa's success after the fall of Gomez

Palacio was due to the excellent support he received from the rebel divisions on the other side of Torreon.

In the fighting at Gomez Palacio the rebels captured much of the Federal artillery on Cerro de la Pila, the mountain near Gomez Palacio. They also captured the field furniture and bedding of the Federal commander in chief, General Velasco.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

Mexico City, March 24.—In spite of the War Department's denial, the public very generally believes not only that Gomez Palacio has fallen, but that Torreon has also been taken by the rebels.

It is said that the government forces are unable to withstand the heavy ordinance fire of the rebels, handled by General Felipe Angeles, who is one of the most competent artillerymen in the Mexican army.

The local agency of the Bank of Montreal is said to have received a telegram announcing the fall of Torreon, General Velasco, according to this telegram, informed Huerta that he was unable to hold the place against the superior numbers and bigger guns of the enemy.

If Torreon has fallen the outlook for the government is gloomy, yet those knowing Huerta say that he never will give in, but will either win or die in the last ditch. Taxpayers will therefore have before them the disheartening prospect of carrying an increased burden for an indefinite period, as even if the rebels have taken Torreon, it will be long before they can capture this city, and meanwhile Huerta will keep up the fight by every possible expedient.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

El Paso, Tex., March 24.—Federal sympathizers here who claim to be in touch with the Torreon situation say they have dispatches to-night denying that the rebels have taken Torreon or have succeeded in getting into the city proper.

According to Federals, the garrison in Torreon is holding out well against the rebels, but General Velasco has been forced to abandon his outer defenses.

Juarez, Mexico, March 24.—Rumors and "official" reports of the onward sweep of General Villa and his victorious rebels kept this city in a state of gratified excitement to-day, but the optimism was dashed somewhat by the receipt of a message from Chihuahua quoting an official dispatch to the effect that fighting continued at Gomez Palacio.

It was announced officially in the morning that the city, three miles from Torreon, was taken last night at 9 o'clock and that General Villa had ordered supplies sent direct to that city.

Next came word that General Benavides had captured two Federal quarters in Torreon itself. This information was conveyed in a private telegram from Colonel Trevino, one of Benavides's staff officers, to his brother in Juarez.

At this there was further joy, but it was nothing to the excitement caused when General Chao, military Governor of the State of Chihuahua, and now in this city to greet General Carranza, received a private report that General